

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**  
**City of Miami Beach, Florida**

MEETING DATE: July 03, 2018

FILE NO: DRB18-0239

PROPERTY: **756 84<sup>th</sup> Street**

APPLICANT: Diva Estate LLC.

LEGAL: Lot 7 of Block 7, of "Biscayne Beach Subdivision", according to Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 44, Page 67, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

IN RE: The Application for Design Review Approval for the construction of a new five-story multifamily building on a vacant lot including mechanical parking and a variance to reduce the required width for driveway entrance and a variance to exempt the lobby stair from the requirement to be substantially transparent at the ground level.

**ORDER**

The City of Miami Beach Design Review Board makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT, based upon the evidence, information, testimony and materials presented at the public hearing and which are part of the record for this matter:

**I. Design Review**

- A. The Board has jurisdiction pursuant to Section 118-252(a) of the Miami Beach Code. The property is not located within a designated local historic district and is not an individually designated historic site.
- B. Based on the plans and documents submitted with the application, testimony and information provided by the applicant, and the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Staff Report, the project as submitted is inconsistent with Design Review Criteria 2—6, 9, 12, 16 and 19 in Section 118-251 of the Miami Beach Code.
- C. Based on the plans and documents submitted with the application, testimony and information provided by the applicant, and the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Staff Report, the project as submitted is inconsistent with Sea Level Rise Criteria 1, 5 and 10 in Section 133-50(a) of the Miami Beach Code.
- D. The project would be consistent with the criteria and requirements of Section 118-251 and/or Section 133-50(a) if the following conditions are met:



1. The proposed use of mechanical parking lifts shall require the review and approval of the Planning Board, and shall comply with the requirements of the mechanical parking ordinance, including the further screening of the mechanical lifts in the parking area.
2. Revised elevation, site plan and floor plan drawings for the proposed residential building at 756 84<sup>th</sup> Street shall be submitted to and approved by staff; at a minimum, such drawings shall incorporate the following:
  - a. The minimum clearance height of the parking garage shall be waived as proposed.
  - b. In order to confirm the proposed FAR for the property, additional details and calculations shall be submitted at the time of the building permit, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff.
  - c. The architect shall refine and revise the design of the stairwell tower on the north elevation to be substantially transparent along the sides on the ground floor, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the direction from the Board.
  - d. The architect shall incorporate exterior surface materials to the stairwell tower, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the direction from the Board.
  - e. A recycling plan shall be provided as part of the submittal for a demolition/building permit to the building department, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff.
  - f. The final details of all exterior surface finishes and materials, including samples, shall be submitted, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
  - g. All window frames shall be composed of silver, white or natural color anodized aluminum frames. All windows shall consist of clear glass and incorporate the minimum tint required by the energy code, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
  - h. A properly architecturally designed automatic overhead garage gate shall be required for the parking garage. The final design details and material sample of the roll down/security door/gate located at the entrance of the garage of the property shall be submitted. The property shall be further studied and refined in design, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.



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- i. All exterior handrails and support posts shall incorporate a flat profile. The final design details, dimensions material and color of all exterior handrails shall be made part of the building permit plans and shall be subject to the review and approval of staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
  - j. The final color selection of the exterior stucco elements shall be subject to the review and approval of staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
  - k. A copy of all pages of the recorded Final Order shall be scanned into the plans submitted for building permit, and shall be located immediately after the front cover page of the permit plans.
  - l. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, the project Architect shall verify, in writing, that the subject project has been constructed in accordance with the plans approved by the Planning Department for Building Permit.
3. A revised landscape plan, prepared by a Professional Landscape Architect, registered in the State of Florida, and corresponding site plan, shall be submitted to and approved by staff. The species type, quantity, dimensions, spacing, location and overall height of all plant material shall be clearly delineated and subject to the review and approval of staff. At a minimum, such plan shall incorporate the following:
- a. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall submit a tree protection plan for all trees to be retained on site. Such plan shall be subject to the review and approval of staff, and shall include, but not be limited to a sturdy tree protection fence installed at the dripline of the trees prior to any construction.
  - b. In order to identify, protect and preserve mature trees on site, which are suitable for retention and relocation, a Tree Report prepared by a Certified Tree Arborist shall be submitted for the mature trees on site.
  - c. Any tree identified to be in good overall condition shall be retained, and protected in their current location if they are not in conflict with the proposed home, or they shall be relocated on site, if determined feasible, subject to the review and approval of staff. A tree care and watering plan also prepared by a Certified Arborist shall be submitted prior to the issuance of a Building Permit or Tree Removal/Relocation Permit. Subsequent to any approved relocation, a monthly report prepared by a Certified Arborist shall be provided to staff describing the overall tree performance and adjustments to the maintenance plan in order to ensure survivability, such report shall continue for a period of 18 months unless determined otherwise by staff.
  - d. Existing trees to be retained on site shall be protected from all types of construction disturbance. Root cutting, storage of soil or construction



materials, movement of heavy vehicles, change in drainage patterns, and wash of concrete or other materials shall be prohibited.

- e. The amount of paving within the required front yard shall not be greater than 50% of the required front yard.
- f. The proposed landscape within the interior side yards (east and west) shall be further developed in order to provide a continuous landscape buffer with a minimum staggered height ranging from 12 feet to 18 feet at time of installation, that will adequately screen the massing of the proposed structure in order to mitigate the impact of the proposed structure on the neighboring property in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
- g. The architect shall substantially increase the amount of native canopy shade trees within the site in the front (north) and south (rear) yards, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
- h. A fully automatic irrigation system with 100% coverage and an automatic rain sensor in order to render the system inoperative in the event of rain. Right-of-way areas shall also be incorporated as part of the irrigation system.
- i. The utilization of root barriers and/or Silva Cells, as applicable, shall be clearly delineated on the revised landscape plan.
- j. The applicant shall verify, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, the exact location of all backflow preventors and all other related devices and fixtures. The location of backflow preventors, Siamese pipes or other related devices and fixtures, if any, and how they are screened with landscape material from the right-of-way, shall be clearly indicated on the site and landscape plans, and shall be subject to the review and approval of staff.
- k. The applicant shall verify, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, the exact location of all applicable FPL transformers or vault rooms. The location of any exterior transformers and how they are screened with landscape material from the right-of-way shall be clearly indicated on the site and landscape plans and shall be subject to the review and approval of staff.
- l. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, the Landscape Architect or the project architect shall verify, in writing, that the project is consistent with the site and landscape plans approved by the Planning Department for Building Permit.

**In accordance with Section 118-262, the applicant, or the city manager on behalf of the City Administration, or an affected person, Miami Design Preservation League or Dade Heritage Trust may seek review of any order of the Design Review Board by the City Commission, except that orders granting or denying a request for rehearing shall not be**



reviewed by the Commission.

## II. Variance(s)

- A. The applicant filed an application with the Planning Department for the following variance(s):

The following variance was **approved** by the Board:

1. A variance to reduce 2'-0" from the minimum required width of 12'-0" for driveway entrance in order to provide eight (8) parking spaces with a driveway entrance of 10'-0" in width.

The following variance was **withdrawn** by the applicant:

- ~~2. A variance to eliminate the requirement that the stair in the building's main lobby be substantially transparent at the ground level.~~

- B. The applicant has submitted plans and documents with the application that satisfies Article 1, Section 2 of the Related Special Acts, as noted above, allowing the granting of a variance if the Board finds that practical difficulties exist with respect to implementing the proposed project at the subject property.

The applicant has submitted plans and documents with the application that the Board has concluded comply with the following hardship criteria, as they relate to the requirements of Section 118-353(d), Miami Beach City Code, as noted above.

That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same zoning district;

That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the action of the applicant;

That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this Ordinance to other lands, buildings, or structures in the same zoning district;

That literal interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district under the terms of this Ordinance and would work unnecessary and undue hardship on the applicant;

That the variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure;

That the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of this Ordinance and that such variance will not be injurious to the area involved or



otherwise detrimental to the public welfare; and

That the granting of this request is consistent with the comprehensive plan and does not reduce the levels of service as set forth in the plan.

- C. The Board hereby **Approves** the Variance request(s) no.1, and imposes the following conditions based on its authority in Section 118-354 of the Miami Beach City Code:

1. Substantial modifications to the plans submitted and approved as part of the application, as determined by the Planning Director or designee, may require the applicant to return to the Board for approval of the modified plans, even if the modifications do not affect variances approved by the Board.

**The decision of the Board regarding variances shall be final and there shall be no further review thereof except by resort to a court of competent jurisdiction by petition for writ of certiorari.**

**III. General Terms and Conditions applying to both 'I. Design Review Approval and 'II. Variances' noted above.**

- A. The removal of parking spaces in front of the property shall be subject to review and approval of the Parking Department and Public Works Department.
- B. All new construction over 7,000 square feet shall be required to be, at a minimum, certified as LEED Gold by USGBC. In lieu of achieving LEED Gold certification, properties can elect to pay a sustainability fee, pursuant to Chapter 133 of the City Code. This fee is set as a percentage of the cost of construction.
- C. Site plan approval is contingent upon meeting Public School Concurrency requirements. Applicant shall obtain a valid School Concurrency Determination Certificate (Certificate) issued by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The Certificate shall state the number of seats reserved at each school level. In the event sufficient seats are not available, a proportionate share mitigation plan shall be incorporated into a tri-party development agreement and duly executed prior to the issuance of a Building Permit
- D. The final building plans shall meet all other requirements of the Land Development Regulations of the City Code.
- E. The Final Order shall be recorded in the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.
- F. Satisfaction of all conditions is required for the Planning Department to give its approval on a Certificate of Occupancy; a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy or Partial Certificate of Occupancy may also be conditionally granted Planning Departmental approval.
- G. The Final Order is not severable, and if any provision or condition hereof is held void or unconstitutional in a final decision by a court of competent jurisdiction, the order shall be



returned to the Board for reconsideration as to whether the order meets the criteria for approval absent the stricken provision or condition, and/or it is appropriate to modify the remaining conditions or impose new conditions.

- H. The conditions of approval herein are binding on the applicant, the property's owners, operators, and all successors in interest and assigns.
- I. Nothing in this order authorizes a violation of the City Code or other applicable law, nor allows a relaxation of any requirement or standard set forth in the City Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the evidence, information testimony and materials presented at the public hearing, which are part of the record for this matter, and the staff report and analysis, which are adopted herein, including the staff recommendations, which were amended and adopted by the Board, that the **application** is GRANTED for the above-referenced project subject to those certain conditions specified in Paragraph I, II, III of the Finding of Fact, to which the applicant has agreed.

PROVIDED, the applicant shall build substantially in accordance with the plans, entitled "The Eighty 4", as prepared by **CDS Architecture and Planning** dated, 05/04/18, and supplemental sheets A-107, A-301-305, A-401 and A-901-904 (11 total) dated 07/02/18 and submitted as Exhibit A at the DRB hearing on 7/3/18, and as approved by the Design Review Board, as determined by staff.

When requesting a building permit, the plans submitted to the Building Department for permit shall be consistent with the plans approved by the Board, modified in accordance with the conditions of approval that must be satisfied prior to permit issuance, as set forth in this Order, have been met.

The issuance of the approval does not relieve the applicant from obtaining all other required Municipal, County and/or State reviews and permits, including final zoning approval. If adequate handicapped access is not provided on the Board approved plans, this approval does not mean that such handicapped access is not required. When requesting Building permit, the plans submitted to the Building Department for permit shall be consistent with the plans approved by the Board, modified in accordance with the conditions set forth in this Order.

If the Full Building Permit for the project is not issued within eighteen (18) months of the meeting date at which the original approval was granted, the application will expire and become null and void, unless the applicant makes an application to the Board for an extension of time, in accordance with the requirements and procedures of Chapter 118 of the City Code, the granting of any such extension of time shall be at the discretion of the Board. If the Full Building Permit for the project shall expire for any reason (including but not limited to construction not commencing and continuing, with required inspections, in accordance with the applicable Building Code), the application will expire and become null and void.

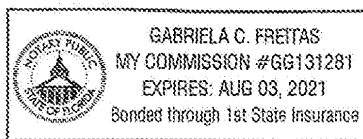
In accordance with Chapter 118 of the City Code, the violation of any conditions and safeguards that are a part of this Order shall be deemed a violation of the land development regulations of the City Code. Failure to comply with this **Order** shall subject the application to Chapter 118 of the City Code, for revocation or modification of the application.

Dated this 06 day of July, 20 18.DESIGN REVIEW BOARD  
THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDABY: [Signature]  
JAMES G. MURPHY  
CHIEF OF URBAN DESIGN  
FOR THE CHAIR

STATE OF FLORIDA )

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COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018 by James G. Murphy, Chief of Urban Design, Planning Department, City of Miami Beach, Florida, a Florida Municipal Corporation, on behalf of the Corporation. He is personally known to me.[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Miami-Dade County, Florida

My commission expires: 8-3-21

Approved As To Form:

City Attorney's Office: [Signature] ( 7/6/18 )Filed with the Clerk of the Design Review Board on [Signature] ( 7/6/18 )